



# STATUTES OF THE EUROPEAN DX COUNCIL

(As agreed upon by the Full Members in April 2005)

## Chapter One : Name

### Article 1

a. The name of the organization shall be the European DX Council (EDXC), an Association of DX clubs and of individual DX-ers, hereinafter referred to as the EDXC. Its headquarters and principal place of business shall be the same as those of the Secretary General. The official language of the EDXC shall be English.

b. In this context, DX-ing is the hobby of long distance reception of radiostations and TV-stations via radiowaves. Listening to distant stations via internet or cable is not a part of this hobby. The use of radiowaves by amateur radio operators is also a different hobby.

## Chapter Two : Aims

### Article 2

The main aims of the EDXC shall be :

- a. to achieve common objectives to support the European DX-listeners;
- b. to advocate the interests of European DX-listeners and DX-Clubs in international organizations in the field of radio and telecommunications;
- c. to support an annual EDXC Conference as the venue for European DX-listeners, DX-Clubs and others interested in the DX-hobby.

Other aims of the EDXC shall be:

- d. to promote co-operation between European DX listeners and between European DX organizations;
- e. to establish and foster close contact with other DX organizations throughout the world;
- f. to improve contacts between DX listeners, radio stations and other organizations in the field of radio and telecommunications.

### Article 3

The EDXC shall be independent of all political affiliations.

## Chapter Three : Membership

### Article 4

The EDXC has two kinds of members: Full members with voting rights and Observer members without voting rights. Both kinds of members must be willing to promote the aims of the EDXC and ready to pay an annual membership fee to the EDXC. Full members may be DX clubs, Umbrella organizations of DX clubs, or individual DX-ers.

### Article 5

a. Any Umbrella organization of DX clubs with headquarters in Europe, or any DX club with headquarters in Europe having at least twenty (20) individuals as members residing in Europe and paying a regular membership fee to the Club, shall be entitled to become a Full Member of the EDXC.

b. This shall not apply to Umbrella organizations of DX Clubs or DX clubs organized by, or closely related to, organizations with political, religious or commercial aims, including broadcasting stations.

### Article 6

Any individual DX-er living in Europe shall be entitled to become a Full Member of the EDXC, even if he or she is a member of a DX Club or of an Umbrella organization of DX clubs which also is a Full Member of the EDXC.

#### Article 7

Any DX club or other organization connected with the DX hobby, shall be entitled to become an Observer Member of the EDXC.

#### Article 8

a. Every Full Member or Observer Member of the EDXC shall have the duty to collaborate sincerely and to the best of its ability in the realization of the aims of the EDXC.

b. In cases when this is seriously violated, the Member may be suspended from its rights as a Member or may be expelled from the Council. This shall be decided by a Ballot in which a majority of seventy-five (75) per cent of the votes cast shall be required.

#### Article 9

a. Every DX Club or Umbrella organization of DX Clubs being a Full Member of the EDXC shall have the duty on a rotational basis to appoint two of its members as candidates to the posts of Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General for three years or as candidates to the posts of Auditors for three years when these posts become vacant.

b. This will only be initiated by the Secretary General in the case that no candidates had been proposed at the deadline of the normal election procedure.

#### Article 10

a. Every DX Club or Umbrella organization of DX Clubs being a Full Member of the EDXC shall have the duty on a rotational basis to organize the annual EDXC Conferences.

b. This will only be initiated by the Secretary General in the case that no venue had been proposed at the deadline mentioned in Article 18.a.

#### Article 11

Any Member of the EDXC may resign by notifying the Secretary General in writing at least three months in advance of its intention so to do. The resignation shall be effective at the end of the Financial Year of the EDXC in which it is notified.

#### Article 12

a. Every Full Member and Observer Member of the EDXC shall have the obligation to pay an annual membership fee whose amount has to be fixed normally once per every three year election period by a voting initiated by the Secretary General.

b. The Secretary General shall have the right and duty to propose that a member of the EDXC having not paid the annual membership fee within the established period is to be expelled from the EDXC. The definitive resolution shall be taken by the Board of Deputies by a voting which must be carried out after the member has presented pertinent explanations or has not presented these after having been asked to do so.

### Chapter Four : Organization and Officials

#### Article 13

The EDXC Organization consists of a Board of Deputies, a Secretary General assisted by an Assistant Secretary General who shall be responsible to the EDXC Board of Deputies and in charge of the daily management of the EDXC, and two auditors. The aims of the EDXC, as stated in Chapter Two, shall be pursued by all EDXC Officials.

## Article 14

- a. The Board of Deputies is the highest authority of the EDXC.
- b. Each DX Club or Umbrella organization of DX Clubs being a Full Member of the EDXC shall appoint a Deputy to the EDXC, who shall be or shall have been an active DXer. One single Deputy only shall represent one Full member of the EDXC. He or she can be replaced at any time as decided by the DX Club or Umbrella organization of DX Clubs which never shall be without a Deputy in the EDXC Board of Deputies.
- c. Individual DXers who are Full Members of the EDXC shall automatically be entitled as Deputies in the Board of Deputies.
- d. The duties of the Deputies are:
  - (1) To elect amongst themselves a Chairman to chair their discussions and votings.
  - (2) To pass by voting any sort of resolutions for the proper running of the EDXC, including the appointment of the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General and the Auditors.
  - (3) To establish the two rotational orders amongst the DX Clubs and Umbrella organizations of DX Clubs being Full Members of the EDXC as mentioned in Articles 9 and 10.
  - (4) To agree, as necessary, to the appointment of a highly qualified person as Chairman of a Special Committee to carry out a specific job within a specific field.
  - (5) To endorse the place and dates of where the annual Conference of the EDXC will be held, considering the rotational order previously established.
  - (6) To annually approve or otherwise the management that the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General and both Auditors have accomplished.
  - (7) To approve the amount of the membership fees for EDXC members, as proposed by the Secretary General.
  - (8) Deputies representing Clubs shall also:
    - (a) Regularly inform the Club members about the latest developments within the EDXC.
    - (b) Forward comments and constructive suggestions from the Club members to the EDXC in order to identify common objectives which can support the individual European DX-listeners.
- e. The EDXC discussion forum between its members shall be done by e-mail on the EDXC Mailing List which shall comprise all Full members according to Article 4 and 5. All EDXC votings shall take place via this Mailing List. In addition, discussions can take place at the EDXC Conferences.
- f. The work of the EDXC shall be made available in the form of recommendations having a majority of seventy-five (75) per cent of the votes cast.

## Article 15

- a. A DXer from any Member of the Council shall be elected Secretary General or Assistant Secretary General for a period of three years. They may be re-elected. The Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General shall be strictly neutral and independent and shall have no voting rights. The candidates to the

posts of Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General shall be nominated and voted in pairs.

b. In the event that the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General shall be unable for any reason to continue in Office, or if the Board of Deputies shall by a seventy-five (75) per cent majority of the votes cast decide that they should be released of their duties because of serious violations of the Statutes of the EDXC, the Board of Deputies shall elect a new pair of Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General.

c. The duties of the Secretary General are:

- (1) To represent the EDXC and to endorse with his signature any EDXC act in relation with any third person (letters, certifications, etc.).
- (2) To carry out and see that all resolutions from the Board of Deputies are satisfied.
- (3) To be the responsible person for the organization and coordination of all tasks and activities carried out within the EDXC, including its annual Conference.
- (4) To publish on a regular basis the “EDXC Newsletter” on the EDXC Web site, so that it is made available to all EDXC members and to others interested in the EDXC.
- (5) To look after the EDXC finances and property, reporting yearly to the members on the performance of the financial management of the EDXC.
- (6) To propose within six months from the start of his election period to the Board of Deputies the amount of annual membership fees payable by EDXC members for the whole three year period, giving due consideration to the Auditors’ opinion.
- (7) To take action on any urgent matter that arises within the running of EDXC activities and report it immediately to the whole Board of Deputies. This includes activation of the rotational duties mentioned in Articles 9 and 10.
- (8) To ensure that DX-Guides and List of EDXC Members previously published by the EDXC are updated at least every third year.

d. The duties of the Assistant Secretary General are:

- (1) To deputize for the Secretary General in case of his or her absence or sickness.
- (2) To assist the Secretary General in his or her duties.
- (3) To conduct the administrative activities of the EDXC.
- (4) To take the minutes of all resolutions passed by the EDXC Board of Deputies and to arrange for the minutes to be published in the EDXC web page.

#### Article 16

a. Two Auditors with a working period of three years shall be elected by the EDXC Board of Deputies. They may be re-elected. The candidates to the posts of Auditors shall be nominated and voted in pairs.

b. In the event that the Auditors shall be unable for any reason to continue in Office, or if the Board of Deputies shall by a seventy-five (75) per cent majority of the votes cast decide that they should be released of their duties because of serious violations of the Statutes of the EDXC, the Board of Deputies shall elect a new pair of Auditors.

c. The duties of the Auditors would be:

- (1) To ensure that the EDXC Statutes are not violated.
- (2) To audit yearly the accounts of the EDXC.
- (3) To inform the Secretary General and all the EDXC members of any irregularities detected in the finance or of any violation of the Statutes of the EDXC.
- (4) To assist the Secretary General in the preparation of the annual Budget and of the Proposal of the annual membership fees of the EDXC members.

#### Article 17

- a. A Chairman of a Special Committee may be appointed by the Board of Deputies to carry out a specific job within a specific field.
- b. The duties of the Chairman of a Special Committee are:
  - (1) To carry out the specific job within a specific field as tasked by the Board of Deputies.
  - (2) To select and appoint other members of that committee as appropriate.
  - (3) To forward Interim and Final Reports to the Board of Deputies for consideration and discussion. When the expert's report has been finally accepted by the Board of Deputies, it shall be published on the EDXC website. If it also is printed, a suitable charge shall be proposed by the Secretary General and set by the Board of Deputies. The copyright of the report shall in any case rest with the EDXC.

Article 18

- a. The EDXC Conference shall be arranged annually wherever possible. Its primary purpose is to be a venue for the members of the EDXC where further discussions on European DX-matters can take place. The time and place for such conferences shall be proposed by a Member of the EDXC or by the Secretary General and confirmed by the voting of the Board of Deputies. Proposals must be submitted to the Secretary General not later than 1 May regarding the EDXC Conference in the following calendar year.
- b. Prior to any Proposal for the Meeting of the EDXC being submitted, consultation with other Members of the EDXC in the host Country shall have taken place.
- c. The Conference shall be announced in the "EDXC News Letter" at least two months in advance of its date.
- d. During the first session at the Conference, the Secretary General shall report about the status in the EDXC, followed by a general discussion about EDXC matters.

Chapter Five : Voting

Article 19

- a. The Secretary General shall arrange for voting by the Board of Deputies of the EDXC on matters requiring formal decisions.
- b. When voting is required, every individual DX-er being a Full member shall have one (1) vote.
- c. The number of votes to be cast by each of the Deputies representing a DX Club and Umbrella organization, being a Full member of the EDXC, shall be decided by the number of its members on 1 January each year as per the following schedule:
 

20-40 members	:	6 votes
41-100 members	:	10 votes
101 to 200 members	:	20 votes
201 to 400 members	:	30 votes
401 to 800 members	:	40 votes
801 or more members	:	50 votes
- d. Simple majority shall apply whenever a majority of seventy-five (75) per cent is not specifically stated.

## Chapter Six : Financial Year and Council Finances

### Article 20

The Financial Year of the EDXC shall run from 1 January until 31 December. The Secretary General shall submit the Accounts of a Financial Year to the Auditors on 31 March in the following year at the latest.

### Article 21

- a. The annual membership fee shall be agreed by a voting within the EDXC Board of Deputies normally once per every three year election period.
- b. Membership fees shall be paid to the Secretary General within two months of the EDXC Resolution establishing the annual fee for the three year period. The members may pay annually per the final date established above, or every third year at the same date, as they prefer.

## Chapter Seven : Alterations to the Statutes of the EDXC

### Article 22

The Secretary General or any Full Member of the EDXC may propose amendments to the Statutes of the EDXC. Every proposal shall be voted upon within six (6) months by the Board of Deputies. If a majority of seventy-five (75) per cent of votes cast shall be attained, the amendment or amendments shall become effective immediately.

## Chapter Eight : Dissolution of the EDXC

### Article 23

- a. The Secretary General or any Full Member of the EDXC may propose the dissolution of the EDXC. The proposal shall be voted upon within six (6) months by the Board of Deputies. If a majority of seventy-five (75) per cent of votes cast shall be attained, the dissolution shall become effective immediately.
- b. At the same time shall be voted about how the remaining capital of the EDXC will be used. It will not be returned to the members, but preferably be used for international charitable purposes.
- c. At the dissolution the Secretary General will inform all members and the auditors about the use of the remaining capital and the account concerning this.

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